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Dear Sol:

We had hoped to leave open the question of whether we could join you at the local get-together, but it was settled for us by a pair of beautiful chest colds that settled on Esther and me in sequence. I am sorry we could not make it this time.

Were you serious about the possibility of lending us your de Fonbrune micro-manipulator for the next six months? If we could borrow yours for that interval, it might save us the necessity of buying another one, and I would appreciate the favor. I hope this letter can be construed as a formal request, if that is what you need for your records.

With best regards to everyone, especially the friends we missed,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics